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In re Application of
Bengtsson et al.
Application No. 10/628,745
Filed: July 28, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 60000500-1005

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed July 20, 2006.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **Granted**.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on May 26, 2004. The Notice to Missing Parts set an extendable two (2) month period for reply. No timely request for extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). A reply was received on June 23, 2004. A Notice of Incomplete Reply was mailed July 7, 2004, the period of reply continued to run from the original Notice. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on July 27, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 6, 2006.

Petitioner contends that a reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed on July 7, 2004, was sent via facsimile on July 26, 2004. As evidence, petitioner has submitted a copy of the reply which contains a certificate of transmission dated July 26, 2004 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8. Petitioner has also provided a copy of the sending unit's report which shows transmission was completed on July 26, 2004.

The response submitted July 26, 2004 has not been located in the Office, however, in view of the evidence submitted, the response is deemed timely.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

However, it should be noted that petitioner has failed to establish that a fully executed oath or declaration was filed on July 28, 2003. The postcard submitted merely shows a declaration was submitted on July 28, 2003. The Office was in receipt of a declaration executed by Cheung on July 28, 2003. A declaration executed by Bengtsson was missing. The postcard fails to provide the number of pages of declaration submitted.

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Accordingly, the Office was correct in charging the surcharge for the late submission of the declaration

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.



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